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WITNESSES NOT AFRAID

Circuit Court Begins To-day With Fifteen Night Rider Cases.

Murray, Ky., April 11.—In the night rider examining trials to-day, nine of the alleged night riders arrested during the past few days were held to the grand jury on bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and most remarkable testimony ever introduced in a Kentucky court will be presented to the grand jury which will be empaneled by Circuit Judge Thomas P. Cook next Monday morning.

The scenes in connection with the examining trials of the men were perhaps the most dramatic ever witnessed in a Kentucky court, and it was the first time since the tobacco war first started in the State, almost two years ago, that victims of the night raids have dared to come into open court and tell of the outrages suffered at the hands of the night riders.

On the witness stand during the day young men and old men, some passed the three-score and ten allotment, told of the brutal treatment administered to them during the dead hours of the night by the men on trial, all of whom were recognized by one or more of the witnesses and pointed out in the densely crowded courtroom.

Night Riders' Switch.

This was followed by one of the witnesses exhibiting in court room the limb with which he had been subjected to a severe drubbing. He said the stick had been designated by the night riders as a "switch." The dramatic features ended at the conclusion of the trials when County Judge Wells made a speech to the people of Murray and Calloway county, urging them to stand by the law.

In almost every instance where visits were made by the night riders efforts were made to get the victims to consent to take the oath and become members of the raiders, and it was upon their refusal that the lash was applied and threats made to return and hang them and riddle

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CUMBERLAND MUST BUY A FRANCHISE

Council By Unanimous Vote Imposes Fine For Running Without License.

HEARS LEGAL OPINION.

Review of the Points of the Telephone History of 26 Years.

The city council met in adjourned session Friday night to consider the legal opinion submitted by City Attorney Walter Knight and special counsel Duff & Rives, on the attitude of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co., since the expiration of its franchise nearly six years ago. The opinion was exhaustive and the conclusion the attorneys arrived at was that the company had no franchise that had not expired by limitation and that by the purchase of a new franchise was the only way it can get on a legal basis in the city.

After discussion the council passed two ordinances, one repealing an ordinance in which a former council attempted to substitute an agreement for a franchise, the other making it unlawful for any telephone company or similar corporation to attempt to do business in the city without a franchise purchased in the lawful way. The penalty is \$50 to \$100 each day the ordinance is violated after it takes effect in ninety days, which will be July 12. Both of these ordinances are published in another column.

Some of the points in the history of the telephone matter and the legal conclusion, that influenced the action, are contained in the following summary:

Sec. 3490, sub section 1, says the council has power "to pass ordinances not in conflict with the constitution or laws of this State." The council attempted to grant a franchise by ordinance, which was in conflict with Sec. 164 of the Constitution.

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